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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAIR
SUBJECT: CIVAIR - FAA CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY SERVICE
MEETING

REF: STATE 131232; STATE 117423

1. EMBOFF INFORMED SPANISH OFFICIALS ON MAY 22 (DURING CALLS WITH FAA SECURITY SERVICE'S TOM BELL) THAT JUNE MEETING HAD BEEN POSTPONED. AT THAT TIME, AND IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, SPANISH OFFICIALS EXPRESSED GENERAL INTEREST IN CONCEPT AND SAID THEY WOULD TRY TO ARRANGE SATISFACTORY SPANISH REPRESENTATION AT SUCH A MEETING, IF AND WHEN HELD.

2. AS FAA IS AWARE, GOS IS PRESENTLY CARRYING OUT SIGNIFICANT UPGRADING OF SECURITY AT SPANISH AIRPORTS. THE FIRST PHASE OF THIS PROGRAM (TO INCLUDE THE ELEVEN PRINCIPAL AIRPORTS) IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED IN JUNE AND
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THE GOS HAS ACCEPTED AN FAA OFFER TO SEND A TEAM TO SPAIN TO INSPECT AND MAKE A REPORT ON THE FOUR OR FIVE MAJOR AIRPORTS. THIS TEAM VISIT IS TENTATIVELY SET FOR OCTOBER. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ONE (OR POSSIBLE TWO) ECAC MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN OCTOBER WHICH MAY BE ATTENDED BY SPANISH AVIATION SECURITY OFFICIALS.

3. ASSUMING THE PROPOSED MEETING CAN BE HELD TO MESH SATISFACTORILY WITH THE ECAC MEETINGS AND THE FAA TEAM VISIT TO SPAIN, EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT SPANISH OFFICIALS WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND. WE WOULD URGE THAT AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE BE PROVIDED AS POSSIBLE, SINCE IT IS SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE FROM GOS FOR PROPOSED MEETINGS, PARTICULARLY IF SUBSTANTIAL FUNDED TRAVEL IS INVOLVED. EATON

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